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SECOND CHANCE BLACKJACK

Second Chance Blackjack is a variation of regular blackjack games currently in play at most casinos. It gives the player an option to pay a preset fee at the start of each deal. This fee would be a standard percentage of each player's bet, probably in the 15% to 25% range.

The exact percent would be established by the house. The fee should be modest enough to give players a reasonable chance to win with a small amount of extra luck.

Payment of this fee is entirely optional and entitles players to discard one of their two starting cards, if desired. Each player would make their decision when it is their turn to act on their hand. When dealer has a Blackjack, all fees are refunded. When a player discards, the next card off the deck would be their replacement card. The new two-card hand would be their official starting hand, Blackjacks and all other hands included. Player would then complete the play of the hand as they normally would.

By keeping the house advantage reasonable, every round of play could present players with a game where the excitement and anticipation goes on and on!

When used properly, the optional discard greatly enhances the player's chance to win the hand. Some discards are more effective than others, but all proper plays will increase the player's overall chances to win more often.

PROPER USE OF THE DISCARD OPTION.

1. Never discard from any two-card starting hand of Blackjack, 20, 19, 11, 10, 9, 8 or soft 12 (Ace - Ace)
2. Always discard from two-card totals of soft 18, 17, 16, 15, 14 and 13. (Keep the lone ace).
3. Always discard from two-card totals of hard 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 7, 6, 5, and 4.

Exception for 8-8:

Split vs. dealers 7, 6, 5, and 4.

Discard vs. all other up cards.

4. Hard 18: Always stand vs. dealers 7.
With (10-8) discard the 8.
With (9-9) Split v s. 8-2-3-4-5 and 6.
Discard vs. 9-10 and Ace

After discarding, the players would complete playing the hand as they normally would.

The discard option not only increases the chances to win the hand, it elevates the players' attention and excitement as each hand unfolds. The game promotes greater participation by the player through more action along with less stressful decisions to make.

Every time a player receives an ace, they have two chances to make a Blackjack. If the first chance is a miss, the discard option gives them a second chance with almost one chance in three to hit. No stressful decision here. A 19 or 20 is also quite possible.

Hard 17 through hard 12 are the six biggest losers in Blackjack. The optional discard can transform these hands into a single ten two times out of three. There is no better single card to start with, except the ace. A discard on these hands will always improve a player's chance to win, including an outside chance for Blackjacks!

A discard can turn the negative starts of 7, 6, 5, and 4 into a more manageable 2 or 3. This produces a slightly better chance to win.

With the optional discard available players will never again have to stand on the lackluster hard 18.

Instead of just waiting for the dealers to beat them and hoping they won't, the player can improvise. Over 90 % of the time the player can discard an 8 and keep the lone 10. This turns a net loser into a strong net winner.

The other 8 or 9% of the time they can play 9-9 vs. 7 and split vs. 8, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. All positive plays! Against 9, 10 or ace, they can discard and play the lone 9. Overall, this play is a loser but loses considerably less than standing or splitting.

A pair of eights is somewhat similar to a pair of nines. Play the net winners! Split vs. 7, 6, 5, and 4 which are net winners. Discard and play the lone 8 vs. all other up cards to reduce the loss on the net losers. Basically, that discard lessens the stress of the most dreaded plays in Blackjack: Splitting eights vs. 9-10 and ace.

More ongoing action to keep players more attentive. More exhilaration turning bad starts into happy conclusions more often. Twice as many Blackjacks and fewer busted hands, plus greatly reduced stress for the players. All provided by a game that never becomes dull. That's Second Chance Blackjack!

FIG. 1

